

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Jörg HARREN *et al.*  
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For: **ABSORBENT POLYMER STRUCTURE WITH IMPROVED RETENTION  
CAPACITY AND PERMEABILITY**

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**RESPONSE TO MAY 1, 2009 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 1, 2009, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Claims 12-28 of Group II for prosecution on the merits in connection with the above-identified application. Please withdraw, and cancel, Claims 1-10 of Group I from consideration at this time without prejudice to Applicants' right to file divisional applications thereon.

**If any fees for this response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 502190.**

Respectfully submitted,

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